

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) ~~A combination comprising a damping~~ Damping device (30) and a hinge for providing hinges (10) for the pivotable articulation of a door leaf leaves (12) or door flaps on a the carcass of a piece pieces of furniture,

~~wherein in which the hinge comprises~~ has respectively a supporting wall mounting part (18) which can be fixed on a the supporting wall (14) of the carcass and a door leaf mounting part (24) which is pivotably coupled via a linkage mechanism (20; 22) to the supporting wall mounting part via a linkage mechanism, wherein the door leaf mounting part is and can be fixed on an the inner face of the door leaf or flap, wherein the preferably as a door leaf mounting part which is countersunk and engages in a recess in the door leaf or flap and which has laterally projecting fixing flanges which bear on the inner face of the door leaf,

wherein the damping device comprises (30) has a damper housing (32) which is provided on the door leaf mounting part, (24) and which is provided in the cavity thereof with a fluid or gaseous damping medium in a cavity of the damping device, and a resistance element which is movable relative to the damping medium and is coupled to an actuating element extending (39) which extends out of the damper housing, wherein, at least during part of a the pivoting movement of the supporting wall and door leaf mounting parts (18, 24) relative to one another, the actuating element is in engaged connection directly or indirectly with the supporting wall mounting part (18) and transmits to the resistance element the relative movement of the supporting wall and door leaf mounting parts to the resistance element as the supporting wall and door leaf mounting parts they pivot, wherein characterised in that the damper housing (32) is a separate component which is provided with laterally projecting fixing flanges fixable (38, 46) which can be fixed on the fixing flanges (48) of the door leaf mounting part (24), wherein at least some areas of the fixing flanges of the damper housing

are shaped to correspond substantially to an outer boundary of the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part and have, in an edge region, a projecting narrow edge portion adapted to engage edges of the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part in a prescribed fixing position on the door leaf mounting part, wherein fixing means are provided for releasable connection of the projecting narrow edge portion of the fixing flanges of the damper housing to the edges of the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The combination according to Damping device as claimed in Claim 12, wherein characterised in that the fixing means are preferably formed by projections (42; 46) on the projecting narrow edge portion of the fixing flanges of the damper housing, wherein the projections are adapted to portions (40) which can be latched on or under the edges of the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part.

4. (Currently Amended) The combination according to Damping device as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a plate for hinges in which the door leaf mounting part (24) is provided in a the region of the its fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part, wherein the (48) with a plate is adapted to cover (44) which is intended for covering of the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part and/or to actuate actuation of additional fixing means for the door leaf mounting part, wherein the plate is adapted to and which at least cover covers parts of the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part in a the-prescribed covered or fixed position bearing on the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part(48), wherein the said-plate is disposed so that the plate is pivotable it can be pivoted-up about an axis (a) extending parallel to a the-hinge pivot axis on the door leaf mounting stop-part(24), wherein characterised in that the damper housing (32) and the plate (44) are combined into one integral component.

5. (Currently Amended) The combination according to Damping device as claimed in Claim 1, further comprises a plate for hinges in which the door leaf mounting part (24) is provided in a the region of the its fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part, wherein the (48) with a plate is adapted to cover (44) which is intended for covering of the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part and/or to actuate actuation of additional fixing means for the door leaf mounting part, wherein the plate is adapted to -and which at least cover covers parts of the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part in a the prescribed covered or fixed position bearing on the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part(48), wherein the said plate is disposed so that the plate is pivotable it can be pivoted up about an axis (a) extending parallel to a the hinge pivot axis on the door leaf mounting stop part (24), wherein characterised in that the fixing flanges of projecting from the damper housing (32) are formed by thin flat tab-like extensions adapted to (46) which only cover parts of the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part and which, when the covering or fixing plate (44) of the door leaf mounting part (24) is pivoted up, to can be placed on associated areas of the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part, wherein the thin flat tab-like extensions are adapted to and can be releasably connected to the fixing flanges of the door leaf mounting part and can to be covered and secured against separation from the door leaf mounting part after the covering or fixing plate (44) of the door leaf mounting part (24) has been pivoted down.

6. (Currently Amended) The combination according to Damping device as claimed in Claim 5, further comprising characterised in that fixing projections and recesses in which interengage so as to interlock are provided the regions of the thin flat tab-like extensions (46) of the damper housing (32) and of the fixing flanges (48) of the door leaf mounting part, wherein the fixing projections and recesses are adapted to interengage each other so as to interlock(24).

7. (Currently Amended) The combination according to Damping device as claimed in Claim 6, further comprising characterised in that at least one through hole (50) is provided in each of the thin flat tab-like extensions (46) of the damper housing, wherein the at least one through (32) and each such hole is adapted to can be placed onto an associated projection of the fixing flanges (48) of the door leaf mounting part, wherein the associated projection has a (24) which is of complementary shape in cross-section with respect to the at least one through hole.

8. (Currently Amended) A combination according to Damping device as claimed in Claim 6, further comprising at least one aligned through hole characterised in that in the regions of the thin flat tab-like extensions (46) of the damper housing (32) and the opposing regions of the fixing flanges (48) of the door leaf mounting part (24) which lie one above the other in the prescribed covering or fixing position, wherein the in each case at least one aligned through hole is adapted to receive a provided through which the shank of an additional fixing screw can pass in each case.